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The British Apollo:

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From Wednesday July 20th. to Friday July 22d. 1709.

N. B. AT the Requeſt of ſeveral Gentlemen and Ladies, we ſhall inſert in our *Monthly Papers* and *Quarterly Books* for the future, ſome Lines ſet to Muſick, compos'd by the beſt Maſters, the words and Muſick new every time, to give a more pleaſing variety; being encourag'd to this expence by the great numbers of Subſcribers continually coming in. We muſt be excus'd from diſpoſing of the *Monthly Papers* with the Muſick to any, but thoſe who Subſcribe for the *Weekly*.

Q. *Gentlemen, Having been a long time very deſirous to know the Name of that Matchleſs Inſtance of the Grace of God, which we read of in the 7th Chapter of* Luke; *and peruſing ſeveral Authors, and thoſe of celebrated worth, do find in them, various Determinations. Some take it for granted, to be meant of* Mary Magdalen; *others think it ſpeaks of another* Mary; *others again, are quite at a loſs in the matter; ſo that not being able to come to any reſolution, I reſolved to acquieſce in your wiſe Determination; with which, if you will favor me, I ſhall eſteem my ſelf highly obliged. I am your Admirer*, &c.

A. No wonder, that there is ſo great an Uncertainty concerning the Perſon ſpecified, ſince the Scriptures are wholly ſilent in the matter. For that Anointing in St. *John*, where *Mary* the Siſter of *Lazarus* is mention'd, differs from this in St. *Luke* in Time, Place, and almoſt all the Circumſtances attending it. But ſince ſo many believe, or at leaſt are inclin'd to believe her *Mary Magdalen*, we ſhall propoſe ſome Arguments *Pro* and *Con*, leaving it to the Queriſt to draw his own Concluſion.

The following Arguments may ſeem to make for the Affirmative Side.

1. Since in the very next Chapter *Mary Magdalen* is ſaid to Miniſter to our Lord, to ſuppoſe her the Perſon, that anointed him, may ſeem to fall in with the Circumſtance of Place.

2. Since the Evangeliſt takes no notice of her before, and yet mentions her ſo ſoon after, the foreſaid ſuppoſal may ſeem to comport with the time of her firſt Converſion.

3. One, who ſo tenderly lov'd our Lord, as he himſelf teſtifies of the Perſon, that Anointed him, waſh'd his Feet with her Tears, and receiv'd from him ſo important a Bleſſing as the Remiſſion of her Sins, might thence not improbably be inclin'd to become his Follower, and Miniſter unto him, as *Mary Magdalen* is ſo ſoon after recorded to have done.

4. That Character of the Perſon in the Text, that to Her much was Forgiven, and that She Loved much (namely, that She was an Egregious Sinner, and afterwards became as Exemplary a Penitent) that twofold Character is exactly ſuitable to the Character of *Mary Magdalen*.

The ſubſequent reaſons may ſeem to Confirm the Negative.

1. Since *Mary Magdalen* is every where elſe ſo freely mention'd, it may ſeem ſtrange, that her Name ſhou'd be here Conceal'd.

2. It may ſeem ſtranger ſtill, that ſo Eminent an Action of ſo Eminent a Perſon, as *Mary Magdalen*, ſhou'd be mention'd without notice of her Name.

3. The Woman, of whom that Action is recorded, is ſuppos'd by *Simon* the *Phariſee* to be a Stranger to our Lord, which cannot be ſo readily imagin'd of *Mary Magdalen*. For, as our Lord caſt ſeven Devils out of the latter, ſo we may ſuppoſe him to have done it before he was anointed, ſince we cannot believe, that Devils cou'd have entred the Body of ſo Extraordinary a Penitent, whoſe Sins were Remitted her by our Lord himſelf in ſo publick a manner. And ſo remarkable an occurrence cou'd not well be Unknown to a Man of the ſame City.

4. We may ſuppoſe alſo, that when our Lord Expell'd the Devils, he forgave her Sins, whereas this ſeems the firſt time, that the Woman, that Anointed him, receiv'd the Benefit of Remiſſion. And therefore *Simon* ſuppos'd her to have been Then a Sinner.

5. When the Evangeliſt in the ſucceeding Chapter makes Mention of *Mary Magdalen*, he adds this Deſcription of her, *out of whom went ſeven Devils*. But had She been the Perſon, that Anointed Chriſt, it may ſeem probable, that he wou'd have added that Action to the Deſcription, which he gives us of her, and have acquainted us, what She had done for our Lord, as well as what our Lord had done for Her.

But, *Who* She was, is of ſmall Importance, and therefore the Scriptures are Silent in the matter. *What* She was, is of Great Concern, and therefore the Scriptures Particularly Record it. The one is a Subject of Needleſs Curioſity, and therefore Paſs'd By Unnotic'd: The other is Influencial on the Practice of a Chriſtian, and therefore Recommended, as it were, with a *Go and do Likewiſe*. Go and Waſh, not your Saviour's feet, for that is without your Power; but Waſh your own Soul's with the Tears of Penitence. *Love Much*, that to You *much may be Forgiven*; and when Much has been Forgiven you, Perſevere, out of a Senſe of Gratitude to Love Much. And to this we ſhou'd readily conform, were we duely ſenſible of that comfortable, that reviving Sentence, *Thy Sins are Forgiven thee*. Duly ſenſible of the Bleſſing attendant on the Man, *unto whom the Lord imputeth no Sin*.

Q. *Whether* Trajan *were related to his Predeceſſor?*

A. Nerva, who was declining in Years and not a little infirm, when he came to the Throne, reſolv'd not long after to Adopt ſome Worthy Perſon, who might be a Support to both himſelf and the State. And tho' many conſiderable Perſons of his own Relations and Friends were in Expectation of ſo honourable a Station, yet, like a true Father of his Country he paſt by them all, and made choice of *Trajan*, tho a Stranger to his Family, becauſe the Worthieſt Perſon of the Age.

Q. *What is the Nexus of Matter? And then, when you have told us that, let's know, what is the Nexus of that Nexus.*

A. The Nexus of Matter is what may perhaps puzzle the beſt of Philoſophers to the end of the World.

Some affirm, that the Nexus of Matter conſiſts in the nature of it's Particles, in that they Twine one within another. But then, as You well obſerve, it may be further enquir'd, what is the Nexus of thoſe twining Particles, as ſingly conſider'd. And ſo we may procede to Infinity, which includes an abſurdity.

If Reſt, which is aſſign'd by others as the Nexus of Matter, cou'd be any ways admitted, this wou'd cut off that ſecond enquiry of yours, *what is the Nexus of that Nexus?* But as Reſt is a mere Privative, and the Nexus of Matter ſomething Poſitive, to the one is Incompatible to the other.

The Preſſure of the Air, as aſſerted by ſome to be the Nexus of matter, muſt be acknowledg'd as obnoxious, as the firſt Nexus aſſign'd, to your ſecond enquiry of a further Nexus. And this muſt at laſt reduce the Aſſertors to the neceſſary acknowledgment, either that Matter is not Infinitely Diviſible, or that it is Infinitely Divided as well as Diviſible. But as the latter is Abſurd, ſo the former is Demonſtrably Falſe.

Q. *Gentlemen, 'Tis recorded for a very Memorable Paſſage in the Reign of King* Henry VI. *who was then about* 15 *Years Old. Which pleaſe to take in the ſame words as Sir* Richard Baker *delivers it.*

It happen'd (ſays he) the K. *coming one time in Progreſs to* St. Albans, *a Beggar born blind, as he ſaid, at the Shrine of* St. Albans, *obtain'd Sight: Which Miracle being noiſed abroad in the Town, the* D. *of* Glouceſter, *who at that time was with the* K. *deſir'd to ſee him, who being brought to him, He asked if he were born Blind, who told him, yes truly; and can you now ſee, ſaith the* D. *yes, I thank God and* St. Alban, *ſaith the Beggar. Then tell me, ſaith the* D. *what Color is my Gown. The Beggar readily told him the Color. And what Color is ſuch a ones Gown. The Beggar likewiſe told him preſently, and ſo of Divers others. Then ſaid the* D. *Go you counterfeit Knave, if you had been born Blind, and could never ſee till now, how come you ſo ſuddenly to know this Difference of Colors. And inſtead of Alms, cauſed him to be put in the Stocks.*

Now, Gentlemen, I humbly beg your Anſwer to the following Queſtion, whether it is Poſſible, that a Perſon that was born Blind and reſtored to his Sight, could have that Idea of Colors, ſo as to diſtinguiſh one from the other, or whether the Reſtoration of Sight in ſuch a Caſe, be not an Operation of a Power more than Human; ſince the want of Sight, is a Defect in Nature, which nothing but the God of Nature can ſupply. I am your very Humble Servant, A. B.

A. Since the Different Names of Colors are entirely arbitrary, and impoſ'd for no other end than Diſtinction's ſake, *Duke Humphrey* took an excellent Method to diſcover the Impoſtor, who Betray'd his Pretence by his very Endeavour to conceal it.

Tho' the want of Sight be undoubtedly a Defect, to wit, a Defect of Sight, yet it does not always procede from any Defect in Nature, as the cauſe of the Defect of Sight. And the Knowledg, whether Blindneſs be Cureable by Human Applications, depends upon the nature of it's cauſe.

Q. *Whether the Real Form of a Vegetable be contain'd in the Seed?*

A. The Real Form, not only of Vegetables, but alſo of Animals is contain'd in their Semen, as has been Evident from Experience, ſince the admirable uſe of Glaſſes.

Q. *What ſort of Hereticks were thoſe call'd* Docetes, *and when Did They appear?*

A. The *Docetes* were a branch of the Gnoſtick Hereticks, and ſo ancient (with reference to the Doctrin, which they held, tho' not to the Name) that not only *Polycarp* and *Ignatius*, but even St. *John* himſelf aſſerted the Real Incarnation of our Bleſſed Lord in oppoſition to thoſe Whimſical Men. For it was a Fundamental Article of Their Belief, that both the Wonderful Actions, and the Bitter Sufferings of our Crucified Redeemer were no otherwiſe perform'd than in Appearance. From this Imaginary Doctrin they were afterwards call'd *Docetes*, from the *Greek* word *δοκεῖν*, *to Appear*. This Hereſy was extinct for ſome time, but afterwards Reviv'd by *Julius Caſſianus*, a *Valentinian*, at the beginning of the third Century, and in the Reign of *Severus*, the 21ſt Emperor of *Rome*. At that time it was that thoſe Hereticks obtain'd the forementiond Diſtinction of *Docetes*.

Q. Apollo, *I crowding on my Miſtreſs's ſweet Balmy Lips a multitude of Kiſſes, I laid her a Wager ſhe'd kiſs me in a ſhort time, which ſhe did the next Night, but will not pay the Wager, by reaſon (as ſhe ſays) ſhe could not be rid of me no other way. But if your Godſhip ſays ſhe has loſt, ſhe will pay, ſhe being an Admirer of Your Works. Pray favor me with a ſpeedy Anſwer.* M. Sp———r.

A. Obligations from Perſons under reſtraint hold not good in Equity. Therefore, ſince thoſe Kiſſes ſeem to be extorted from her, you ought to give them all to her back again, and yield up the Wager; or if upon your refuſal, ſhe takes them by force, we will indemnify her from all Damages to be recover'd by an Action of Aſſault.

POEMS.

TO *Minerva's Sons in warbling Notes declare,*
How fleeting Shadows are condenc'd in Air,
And why, when e'er thoſe Empty Forms appear,
Our Hearts are ſiez'd with an unuſual Fear:
An Icy Terror chills our curdled Blood,
And checks the Current of the purple Flood;

Our

Our ſtiffen'd Hair with Horror ſtands upright,
And Nature trembles at th' amazing Sight?
A. How *Supernatural Effects* are wrought,
Can never be by Demonſtration taught.
But why thoſe *Forms* ſo dreadfully ſurprize,
And ſtrike our Souls with Terror through our Eyes,
Is 'Cauſe their *Power*, to us is all Unknown,
And thence our *Courage* to reſiſt o'erthrown.
Q. *Ingenious Friends, enlighten us to ſee,*
Why moſt Diſſenters *Greateſt Traders be.*
The Turks *in* India, Jews *in* Turkey *thrive,*
And what at Venice, Genoa, Lisbon *Live,*
Leghorn *and* Naples: *Proteſtants appear*
Chief Traders too, where Popiſh Empires are,
As i'th' Hans Towns, or elſe in ſuch as were,
As England, Scotland, *where the Popiſh See*
Lays fruitleſs Claims to old Supremacy;
And yet where Papiſts *no Dominion ſhare,*
As th' Iriſh, *they again Great Traders are.*
A. To *Native Right* vaſt Benefits accrue,
Which after Diſappointments Hopes renew;
One Heirs Eſtates, tho' diſtant ſev'ral Lives,
Another only on the *Proſpect* thrives;
His *Credit* on Juſt Expectations fix'd,
Some by Eſtate and Reputation mix'd.
Thouſands on Offices of State depend,
And Thouſands by the Churches Rights Aſcend;
With various other *Poſts* exiſt from theſe,
And ſome from Corporation-Dignities.
The Number of theſe Benefits, Immenſe,
To which the *Free born Subjects* have Pretence,
Whilſt all *Diſſenters, Interlopers* are,
And Profits only of their *Labors* ſhare;
Depending on their Induſtry alone,
They're thus *improv'd* in *Trade*, and wealthy grown.

A Cure for the *SULLENS*.

Q. *I've a Wife, but be private,*
Or I loſe what I drive at,
Which is for Reforming,
Without any Storming,
That nothing will gain,
I've try'd it in vain.
She is not a Punk
Nor apt to be Drunk;
Nor given to Scolding,
Or Secrets Unfolding,
Like pert Lady S'——'s,
Who tells all She Hears;
Nor ever upbraids me,
Or (you know how) Jades me,
As Johnſ..n *is ſerv'd,*
By Madam Reſerv'd;
No——She's not this Curſe,
But yet ſomething worſe;
To th' SULLENS *Addicted,*
And ſo much Afflicted;
She often won't eat
(Tho' half ſtarv'd) her Meat:
I give Her Rich Cloaths
(Tho' delighted in thoſe)
She takes them with ſcorn,
'S unfit to be worn':
If I call to prepare
My Coach, for the Air,
She takes it with ſlight,
Tho' I know't her Delight.
Now, if ſome Relief,
You can give to my Grief,
I'll take in, wiſe Sages,
Your Papers for Ages.
A. This *SULLENS* and *Sadneſs*
(The worſt ſort of Madneſs)
With Patience endure,
And we'll find a Cure.
You never muſt Croſs Her,
For that's all Impoſtor;
But always comply,
And give Reaſon why.
If She will not eat
(When well dreſs'd) her Meat,
Strait all away ſend,
And her Temp'rance commend.
If Sh'likes not her Cloaths,
Then give away thoſe;
But ſay you admire
Her Modeſt Deſire,
And that She can ſcorn,
Such *Vanities* worn.
When She ſhuns your Coach,
Say what a Reproach,
Is this to our Ladies,
Who'll always be Babies,
Neglecting their Health,
And waſting their Wealth,
Whilſt She hates to Roam,
(Delighted at Home.)
That pleas'd with her Courſes,
You'll ſell Coach and Horſes.
Thus when She ſhall find,
You're eaſy in Mind,
And that She can't Teez ye,
She'll ſeek then to pleaſe ye;
With Appetite eat
(Tho' ill dreſs'd) her Meat;
Her Cloaths again wear,
Tho' leſs rich they are;
And ask 'thout Reproach,
To buy a new Coach.

On the taking of Tournay.

NOT yet—*Ambitious Monarch*, can no ſmart,
Reclaim thy (more than *Pharaoh's*) hard'ned
(Heart?
Fire,

Fire, Sword and Famine on thy Borders rage,
Check'd by Defertion, and reduc'd by Age,
Yet Luft of Tyranny and cruel Strife,
Diftend *Thee*, Crawling on the Verge of Life.
Succeffively, fome Strong Important Place,
Is torn away, e'en in thy Army's Face,
Whilft they look on, and trembling at the Sight,
Toil only to fecure themfelves from Fight.
Thy choiceft Troops, avoiding bravely Dying,
But Labor to fecure the Reft from Flying.
Not fo the *Invincible Allies*, who're taught
To Face all Dangers, with full Honor Fraught,
Beholding (whilft they frefh Rencounters feek)
Thy Army Gazing, like a Flock of Sheep,
Prefs on, and Joyfully their Fortune Greet,
If they (by Chance) fome bold Defyance meet.
GREAT *MARLBOROUGH*——
But th u haft drain'd our Language with thy Fame,
Nor have we *Epithets* to fpeak thy *Name*,
Our *Silence* then will *Taller Trophies* raife,
Since 'tis not in our *Pow'r* to fing thy *Praife*.

In laft Paper, Col. 5. l. 42. for *Lady* Luna, r. *Lady* Lune. Col. 6. l. 27. for *to heavy*, r. *too heavy*.

SIR,

THE Letters from Turin July 20th advife, that the Count de Thaun fet out for Suza the 7th inftant, and the fame day made the neceffary diſpoſitions for marching over the Great Mount Cenis; that the Baron de Regal, Lieutenant General, was detach'd with 4 Regiments to paſs the ſaid Mount, and to take poſt at Laneburg to facilitate the march of the reſt of the Army: that the Roads are enlarging for the Artillery deſign'd for this Expedition, which conſiſts of 50 pieces of Cannon, and ſuch a number of Pioneers are employ'd thereon, that 'tis hop'd, the train of Artillery will be ſent from Suza in a day or two; 'Tis ſaid that after General Thaun has paſſed Mount Cenis, he will encamp at Laneburg; that General Rhebinder is to obſerve the Enemy on the ſide of Feneſtrelles and Briancon, with a ſtrong body of Horſe, and that General Schuylenburg will likewiſe obſerve them on the ſide of the Valley of Aoſte, with a body of Foot and Horſe; that the Enemy have intrenched themſelves in the Tarantaiſe, who have attack'd the Poſt of la Thuile on the little St Bernard, but were repulſed with great Loſs. 'Tis adviſ'd from Lille July 24th that the Prince of Holſtein Beck, their Governor, is return'd thither from the Camp before Tournay; that the Siege goes on with all imaginable Expedition, and that they hope to be Maſters of the Town in 4 or 5 days, that our Batteries are extremely well ſerv'd, that thoſe erected againſt the Sluices have not yet been able to ruin them; that our Men have begun to drain the Ditch, and provided abundance of Faſcines; that the beſieged have begun to throw Artificial Works into the Counterſcarp, where the Beſiegers are Lodg'd.

London, July 22d. On Wedneſday arriv'd an Expreſs from Oſtend, with the agreable News, that the 28th of July, N. S. in the Evening, the beſieged in the Town of Tournay beat a Parley; and the Articles of Capitulation for the ſaid Town were ſettling, the next Morning, when the Expreſs came away.

There is advice, that Sir John Leake has taken two French Ships of 20 Guns each, which had on board them 300 Tuns of Corn, for Dunkirk, and a Daniſh Ship ſuſpected to be bound for that place likewiſe with Corn; there is alſo a report, that at the ſame time 3 Dutch Privateers had taken a French-Ship Laden with 150 Tuns of Corn from the Baltick, bound to Dunkirk, and had likewiſe ſiez'd nine Sweediſh or Daniſh Ships Laden with Corn, and deſign'd for the Enemy. Which is all from Yours, &c.

All are deſired to direct their Letters (Superſcrib'd for the *Britiſh Apollo*) to be left at Mr. *Carters*, at the *Roſe* and *Crown* in St. *Paul's Church-yard*, at Mr. *Bickerton's*, at the *Roſe* and *Crown* in *Little Britain*, or at the Printers hereof; either with Queſtions, Subſcriptions, or for Indexes to our firſt Volume, which contains between 2 and 3000 Anſwers to Queſtions, for we ſhall not take notice of ſuch Queſtions again as have been anſwer'd therein. Our Rates are, 2 s. per Quarter for the Weekly, 2 s. 6 d. with the Monthly, and the Quarterly Books 6 d. apiece. Thoſe who come in within the Quarter, to pay at Quarter-day 1 d. apiece for each they have had. No Queſtions out of the Country will be anſwer'd but where the Poſtage is paid.

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LOST the 18th inſtant, from a Lady's Side, near St. James's-Church, a Gold Swezing Watch, with J. D. on the Dial Plate, and a Cypher on the back of the Gold Caſe, the Perſon that brings it to Mr. Williams by the Abby, Weſtminſter, ſhall have 5 Guineas Reward, and no Queſtions ask'd.

I Abraham Double, Jeweller, in Heathcock Court, near Durham-Yard in the Strand, was by intervals for ſeveral Months afflicted with an Ophthalmia and Epiphora; the ſeverity of which almoſt render'd me incapable of ſeeing, but upon my application to Mr. William Croſs Profeſſor of Phyſick and Oculiſt, I was by his Preſcriptions perfectly cured, and as a grateful (tho' juſt) acknowledgment thereof, I think my ſelf indiſpenſably Oblig'd to Publiſh the ſame.

IF any has found a green Bag with 18 Inſtruments in it, three of them Leates of Boules in the Strand, loſt in Soho. If they bring it to Mr. Johnſon by Weſtminſter Abby, they ſhall have two Guineas Reward.

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